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**Meeting Winter Food Needs In
Bosnia and Hercegovina and the Other Former Republics**

This updates and enlarges our "Assessment of Humanitarian Situation in Bosnia and Hercegovina" dated 9 September 1992, which was faxed to you earlier today.

The Current Numbers

- In addition to Bosnia and Hercegovina, the other five former republics host some 1.4 million displaced people; roughly half are in Croatia. ☐

Meanwhile in Bosnia...

- Since the airlift was discontinued on 3 September, Sarajevo has been receiving only about a third of its daily food needs by convoy, according to a UNHCR spokesperson. UNHCR is attempting to deliver about 100 tons of relief supplies per day, but has been falling short. Press reports indicated that as of last weekend food stocks were sufficient for four days.
- The just-announced accelerated airlift into Split, with truck convoys on to Sarajevo (to begin Saturday), should narrow this aid shortfall. ☐

Problems Elsewhere?

The situation in the other former Yugoslav republics differs from Bosnia in that most displaced people are being accommodated by host families (see table). In most cases, hosts have access to food and are subsidized by the respective governments. During the winter, however, the displaced people and hosts will require assistance as food supplies continue to dwindle.

- We currently lack details on specific amounts of food aid delivered to the other former republics. Nevertheless, anecdotal evidence indicates that the other five republics are receiving less food aid per capita than Bosnia and Hercegovina.

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- The most serious problems could be in Croatia, which according to UNHCR estimates will require about 13,000 metric tons of food per month to support displaced people during the winter months. UNHCR reports that the current distribution system is working well. Nevertheless, problems will likely develop as it attempts to deliver monthly food parcels to the estimated 66,000 refugee families in private homes.